

State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF:
Manoj Dhariwal, MD
License No.: MD 16386
Case No.: C210896

CONSENT ORDER

Manoj Dhariwal, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (the "Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced matter pertaining to Respondent through its Investigative Committee and makes the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since July 11, 2018. Respondent graduated from Saba University School of Medicine in Netherlands Antilles in 2006.
2. The Board received notification that Respondent entered into a Consent Order, dated May 18, 2021 (the "CT Consent Order"), with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch (the "CT DPH"), and the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (the "Connecticut Board"), which requires Respondent to pay a \$5000 civil penalty in resolution of allegations relating to his practice of medicine in Connecticut.
3. The allegations against Respondent before the Connecticut Board related to Respondent's

care of 37 patients between January 1, 2018 and November 30, 2018. Specifically, The CT DPH alleged that Respondent prescribed medications for non-controlled substances through a telemedicine platform to the 37 patients without seeing them, relying instead on information obtained by other people.

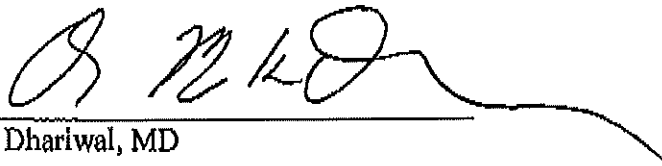
4. The Investigative Committee has concluded that Respondent's entering into the CT Consent Order in resolution of the allegations, which included payment of a civil penalty, constitutes a disciplinary action against his license in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including, "[s]urrender, revocation, suspension, limitation of privilege based on quality of care provided, or any other disciplinary action against a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state or jurisdiction."

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

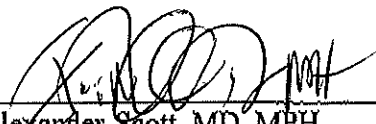
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
 - h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
4. Respondent agrees to pay, within five (5) days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1100.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "**Rhode Island General Treasurer**" and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn: Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license in the State of Rhode Island.
6. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline an administrative hearing. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 3 day of December, 2021.



Manoj Dhariwal, MD

Ratified this 8th day of December 2021 by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline.



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